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SUBJECT: SECURITY AT PRC MISSION

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1. FURTHER TO REFTEL. LATE FRIDAY, JANUARY 7, DATE WHEN FIXED POST POLICE COVERAGE OF PRC WAS TO BE TERMINATED, MISOFF TELEPHONED PRC MISSION TO LEARN IF DECISION HAD BEEN REACHED TO ACCEPT SPECIAL ATTENTION COVERAGE, REPLY WAS THAT DECISION HAD NOT YET BEEN REACHED. MISOFF INDICATED THAT FIXED COVERAGE HAD BEEN EXTENDED BEYOND MIDNIGHT

DEADLINE, LEAVING IMPRESSION MATTER STILL UNRESOLVED.

2. ON MONDAY JANUARY 10 COUNSELLOR HSING VISITED USUN AND MET WITH MISOFF GLENNON. AFTER SHORT EXCHANGE OF PLEASANTRIES, HSING SAID HE WOULD NOW TALK ABOUT THE MATTER WHICH WE HAD DISCUSSED AT HIS MISSION THE PREVIOUS WEEK. HSING SAID HE HAD DISCUSSED MISOFF'S PROPOSITION WITH HIS AMBASSADOR AND HE WOULD NOW GIVE THEIR ANSWER -- THEY COULD NOT AGREE WITH THE SUGGESTED CHANGE IN THE SECURITY COVERAGE OF THE PRC MISSION. HSING'S TONE INDICATED HE WAS PREPARED FOR A LONG DIALOGUE. MISOFF CONSEQUENTLY INTERRUPTED TO TELL HSING THAT, AS HE WAS AWARE, THE PRESENT COVERAGE HAD BEEN EXTENDED AND WHILE SUBJECT TO REVIEW AT A LATER DATE, IT COULD REMAIN IN EFFECT
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INDEFINITELY.

THIS SEEMED TO PLEASE HSING, BUT HE WAS STILL INTENT ON MAKING CERTAIN POINTS. HE SAID THAT, ALTHOUGH HE AND MISOFF HAD BEEN LONGTIME FRIENDS, HE WANTED IT KNOWN THAT HE WAS VISITING USUN AS HIS GOVERNMENT'S REPRESENTATIVE AND THAT HIS GOVERNMENT HELD THE HOST COUNTRY RESPONSIBLE FOR PROTECTING THE CHINESE MISSION AND ITS MEMBERS. HE SAID HIS GOVERNMENT REGARDED THE PRESENT POLICE

COVERAGE OF THE PRC MISSION AS THE MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE. HSING SAID THAT ALTHOUGH THERE HAD BEEN NO RECENT DISTURBANCES AT THE PRC MISSION, HE REMINDED MISOFF OF THE SERIOUS INCIDENT WHICH OCCURRED WHEN THE MISSION WAS HOUSED AT THE HOTEL ROOSEVELT. (REFERENCE TO THE UNEXPLAINED DEATH IN 1972 OF A STAFF MEMBER OF THE PRC MISSION) AFTER LISTENING TO HIS RECITAL, MISOFF EXPLAINED TO HSING HOW HE PERSONAL HAD MADE AN APPEAL TO NYC COMMISSIONER OF POLICE TO EXTEND THE FIXED POST COVERAGE AT THE PRC MISSION. MISOFF ALSO STRESSED THAT US GOVERNMENT TAKES SERIOUSLY ITS HOST COUNTRY RESPONSIBILITIES.

3. MEETING ENDED ON A PLEASANT NOTE AND HSING THANKED MISOFF FOR HIS LONG-STANDING COOPERATION AND HIS UNDERSTANDING OF THE PRC'S POSITION ON THIS MATTER.
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